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Updated Skilled Nursing Facility Help File Available for CY 2004

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers of skilled nursing facility (SNF) services

Key Points

- CY 2004 SNF Help File is now available.

- The SNF Help File is provided annually, after Health Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) updates are completed.

- It is also updated when there are significant changes to the HCPCS file.

- The HCPCS file is a large Microsoft Excel spreadsheet which:

  - Specifies the status of over 11,900 HCPCS and CPT codes for SNF billing and payment;

  - Allows you to see which services are included in SNF Consolidated billing under Part A;

  - Identifies the basis of payment for services under Part B; and

  - Helps you better understand your fiscal intermediary's (FI's) explanation of edit results on claims.

- More information about this updated file can be found at the links below.

- Link to actual Help file is: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/104_claims/clm104c06snfhelp.pdf

Important Links

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters/mmarticles/2004/MM3252.pdf

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R189CP.pdf